



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF)

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY

The following constitutes an application for preliminary consideration of eligibility for the nomination potential of a property for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This does **not** mean that a property is being nominated to the registers at this time. Rather, it is being evaluated by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) staff and the State Review Board to determine if the property qualifies for such listings. Applicants will be notified of the staff's and the State Review Board's recommendations.

Contact the DHR archivist to determine if previous survey material for this property is on file, and if the resource has been previously evaluated by DHR. Obtaining previously recorded information could save a significant amount of time in preparing this Preliminary Information Form (PIF). The archivist may be reached by phone at (804) 482-6102, or by email at Quatro.Hubbard@dhr.virginia.gov. The archivist will also provide you with the address of the regional office to which you should send your completed PIF materials.

PIF Materials: The printed version of this form should be submitted on 8½" X 11" paper, along with the electronic version, preferably in Word format. The form may be typed or hand-written, if an electronic format is not available. The electronic version of this PIF should be submitted on a disc, or it may be attached to an email to the archivist.

Note: All submitted materials become the property of the Department of Historic Resources and will not be returned. In addition, the materials will be posted on the DHR public website for a period of time during the evaluation process. Please address questions regarding the PIF application to the archivist or regional office staff.

Photographs: Please provide at least four (4) **color** or black-and-white (B&W) photographs (generally North, South, East and West elevations) and at least four (4) color or B&W photographs of the interior space. Also provide color or B&W photographs of other buildings on the property and views of the general setting. Photograph size 4" x 6" is preferred, and they should be printed on glossy paper. The inclusion of the printed photographs is essential to the completion of this application. **Without photographs, the application cannot be evaluated.** Photographs should be labeled on the reverse side on the bottom right hand corner in soft pencil (8b or 9b) or china marker only, and are not to be mounted or affixed with adhesives in any way. Labeling should include the name of the property, city or county, view, and the approximate date of the image. In addition to the images printed on photographic paper, digital images, if available, should be submitted in TIF or JPEG format and can be included on the same disc as the PIF.

Maps: Please include two (2) maps showing the location of the property:

- A copy of a section of a USGS topographical Quad map with the date, the name of the county/city and the quad printed on the map, and with the name of the property and its location on the map labeled with a pencil (sections of USGS Quadrangle maps can be printed free of charge from <http://store.usgs.gov> and hand-labeled to mark property boundaries or location).
- A sketch site plan (tax base map, or hand-drawn) showing the primary resource, outbuildings, potential and/or known archaeological sites (if known), main roads (noting street and route numbers), and other features that are important in conveying the significance of the total property. Please include a "North" arrow, date, and "Not to Scale", if appropriate.

Before submitting the PIF, please make sure that you have included the following:

- Section of labeled USGS Quadrangle map showing the location and boundaries of your property
- Sketch site plan map of the property
- Color or B&W photographic prints
- Disc with digital files (Word documents, TIFs, JPEGs)
- Completed Resource Information Sheet, including
 - Owner's signature – this is required. The PIF will not be evaluated without owner(s) signature.
 - Applicant contact information
 - City or county official's contact information

Thank you for taking the time to submit this Preliminary Information Form. Your interest in Virginia's historic resources is helping to provide better stewardship of our cultural past.

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
PIF Resource Information Sheet

This information sheet is designed to provide the Virginia Department of Historic Resources with the necessary data to be able to evaluate the significance of the property for possible listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This is not a formal nomination, but a necessary step in determining whether or not the property could be considered eligible for listing. Please take the time to fill in as many fields as possible. A greater number of completed fields will result in a more timely and accurate assessment. Staff assistance is available to answer any questions you have in regards to this form.

General Property Information	<small>For Staff Use Only</small> DHR ID #:
Property Name(s): <u>Bethany Presbyterian Church</u>	
Property Date(s): <u>1869</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Circa <input type="checkbox"/> Pre <input type="checkbox"/> Post Open to Public? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Property Address: <u>8081 Adkins Road</u> City: _____ Zip: <u>23030</u>	
County or Ind. City: <u>Charles City County</u> USGS Quad(s): <u>Providence Forge</u>	

Physical Character of General Surroundings
Acreage: <u>2.91</u> Setting (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Corridor
Site Description Notes/Notable Landscape Features: Bethany Presbyterian Church established and built in 1869. Greek Revival/Italianate style wood frame single room church building. The fenced church cemetery is on the southwest side of the church. There is also a picnic pavilion and detached restroom facility on the site. Secondary Resource Description (Briefly describe any other structures (or archaeological sites) that may contribute to the significance of the property: Adjacent cemetery where 7 Civil War veterans are interred.
Ownership Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/> Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal

Individual Resource Information
What was the historical use of this resource? Examples include: Dwelling, Grist Mill, Bridge, Store, Tobacco Barn, etc... <u>Presbyterian Church</u>
What is the current use? (if other than the historical use) <u>Presbyterian Church</u>
Architectural style or elements of styles: <u>Greek Revival/temple form with Italianate details, fluted Doric columns, molded cornice with paneled frieze and heavy scroll brackets, full pediment. Two symmetrical entrances with 6/6 sash windows with ramped heads above, 6 shuttered windows on the sides (3 each side).</u>
Architect, builder, or original owner: <u>Bethany Presbyterian Church</u>
of stories <u>1</u> Condition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuilt <input type="checkbox"/> Renovated
Are there any known threats to this property? <u>No</u>

Resource Component Information

Please answer the following questions regarding the individual components of the resource. If the component does not exist, answer "n/a." If you feel uncomfortable in answering the question, please leave the space blank. Photographs of the features can also help our staff identify specific feature components. Usually, priority is given to describing features on the primary (front) facade of the structure.

Foundation: Describe the foundation that supports the structure. Examples include piers, continuous brick, poured concrete.
Brick

Structure: Describe the primary structural component of the resource. Include primary material used. Examples include log, frame (sawn lumber), and brick. Also include the treatment, such as a particular brick bond or type of framing, if known.
Wood frame

Walls: Describe the exterior wall covering such as beaded weatherboard or asbestos shingles.
White painted weather board

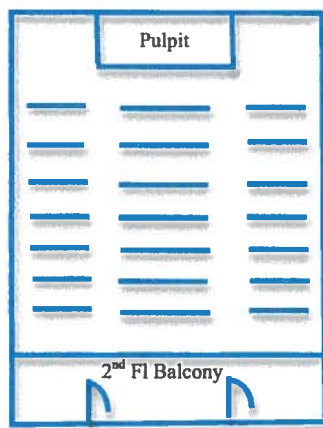
Windows: Describe the number, material, and form of the primary windows. This includes the number of panes per sash, what the sashes are made of, and how the sashes operate (are they hinged or do they slide vertically) Have the windows been replaced?
8 Windows (2 in front, 3 on each side), wood double-hung vertical slide. Windows have not been replaced.

Porch: Briefly describe the primary (front) porch. List the primary material, shape of the porch roof, and other defining details.
Front porch portico made of wood supported by 4 Doric columns
"A" frame porch roof

Roof: Describe the roof, listing the shape and the covering material.
"A" frame roof, asphalt shingle

Chimney(s): List the number of chimneys and the materials used. Include the brick bond pattern if possible.
1 small brick chimney, Flemish Bond

Architectural Description of Individual Resource: *(Please describe architectural patterns, types, features, additions, remodelings, or other alterations. A sketch of the current floor plan would be appreciated.)*



In 1947 the cross and Ten Commandment plaques were brought to Bethany from the Mapsico Episcopal Church, near Weyanoke, which was subsequently demolished.

Significance Statement: Briefly note any significant events, personages, and/or families associated with the property. (Detailed family genealogies are not necessary.) Please list all sources of information. It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or genealogies to this form. Normally, only information contained on this form will be posted for consideration by the State Review Board.

Bethany Presbyterian Church was the first (and only) Presbyterian Church in Charles City County, organized during the “times that tried men’s souls,” the first decade of reconstruction following the Civil War. The church lies along Adkins Road (State Route 618), the route taken in Jeb Stuart’s 1862 ride around McClellan’s army during the Civil War (A Civil War Trail marker sits on the site). At least seven Civil War Veterans are interred in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Nannie Gordon Christian, the 2nd wife of Judge Isaac Hill Christian, was a leading figure in the founding of the church. Judge Christian and his wife were among the first members of the congregation. Judge Christian was a judge of New Kent and Charles City County courts for 24 years, in the late 1800’s. The Christians lived on Woodburn Plantation, which was built in 1815 by future President John Tyler. Judge and Mrs. Christian are buried in the cemetery.

Sources:

Richmonddiscoveries.com

<http://www.richmonddiscoveries.com/doc/StuartRideCWTrailMarkerMap.pdf>

Jamescitycavalry.org

<http://www.jamescitycavalry.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/csagravescharlescitycounty.pdf>

Charlescity.org

Stuart’s Ride

<http://www.charlescity.org/documents/Friends%20and%20Family.pdf>

National Registry of Historic Places

Woodburn Plantation

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/va/Charles+City/state.html>

Bethany Presbyterian Church Records

Robert Lee Marston

Legal Owner(s) of the Property (For more than one owner, please use a separate sheet.)			
Mr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Hon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Trustees of Presbytery of the James, Inc.</u>
		<small>(Name)</small>	<small>(Firm)</small>
<u>3218 Chamberlayne Ave</u>		<u>Richmond, VA</u>	<u>23227</u>
<small>(Address)</small>		<small>(City)</small>	<small>(State)</small> <small>(Zip Code)</small>
<u>office@phyjames.org</u>		<u>(804) 262-2074</u>	
<small>(Email Address)</small>		<small>(Daytime telephone including area code)</small>	
Owner's Signature: <u>H Carson Rhyne Jr. Secretary</u>		Date: <u>9/19/14</u>	
<i>• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •</i>			
In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.			
Contact person: <u>H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Secretary</u>			
Daytime Telephone: <u>(804) 262-2074</u>			

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)			
Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Hon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Raymond J. Goodloe, III</u>
		<small>(Name)</small>	
<u>9063 Wyndale Drive</u>		<u>Mechanicsville</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
<small>(Address)</small>		<small>(City)</small>	<small>(State)</small> <small>(Zip Code)</small>
<u>rjgoodloe@aol.com</u>		<u>804-338-6665</u>	
<small>(Email Address)</small>		<small>(Daytime telephone including area code)</small>	
Applicant's Signature: <u>Raymond J Goodloe</u>		Date: <u>09-21-14</u>	

Notification			
In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator or City Manager.			
Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Hon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Zach</u>
		<small>(Name)</small>	<small>(Position)</small>
<u>Charles City County</u>		<u>10900 Courthouse Road, P.O.Box 128</u>	
<small>(Locality)</small>		<small>(Address)</small>	
<u>NA</u>	<u>VA</u>	<u>23030</u>	<u>804-652-4701</u>
<small>(City)</small>	<small>(State)</small>	<small>(Zip Code)</small>	<small>(Daytime telephone including area code)</small>

Please use the following space to explain why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.

So that the property can be recognized for its historical significance, and to encourage current and future owners to exercise good stewardship of the property.

Would you be interested in the State and/or the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes ☐ No ☒

Would you be interested in the easement program? Yes ☐ No ☒